GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF SUGAR IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage contribution of Maharashtra in the production of sugar at the national level;

(b) whether the Government propose to take some steps to increase the production of sugar in Maharashtra during current and next financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): The percentage contribution of Maharashtra in the production of sugar at the national level during the last season 1999-2000 was 35.65.

(b)&(c): The Government of India provides financial assistance from Sugar DevelopmentFund (SDF) at concessional rate of interest for various cane development schemes. As on 31.03.2001, an amount of Rs.187.10 crores has been sanctioned to 179 sugar factories for cane development in the State of Maharashtra, out of which, Rs.138.09 crores has been disbursed.In addition, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBAC) is being implemented by the State Government o Maharashtra. Further, the State Government and concerned sugar factories are also implementing the crop development schemes on subsidy or loan basis.